

have received telephone calls and letters which belonged to him. While I am fully able, personally, to answer and take care of any difficulties that might arise from the similarity of our names I do feel that the organizations that I represent, for instance, the Red Cross, should not be compelled to suffer for having my name placed before the public in such a way as to reflect discredit upon their organization. Will you kindly make some public statement in your journal so that this confusion of names might be generally understood?

As you know I am a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Class 1891, and have in no way ever been connected with the practice of Chiropractic or any other form of irregular medical practice.

Kindly use your own judgment in this matter as you think the case demands.

Very sincerely yours,

G. H. RICHARDSON.

Flood Building, San Francisco.

From Our A. M. A. Delegates

PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF THE A. M. A. MEETING.

By DR. A. B. SPALDING.

To the Editor:—I regret exceedingly that a lack of newspaper training makes it impossible for me to send you a suitable presentation of personal impressions of the recent meeting of the American Medical Association. Amongst the very crowded conditions that existed on the train and in the hotels one was struck with the universal good nature of the medical man and the willingness of the individual to make way for the more impatient. It would seem that by experience and training the doctor is a good traveler, comfortable in the assurance of reserved quarters and anxious to be the first to extend courtesy to some forgotten acquaintance or to some future helpful friend. The surprise meetings of long separated college friends, of sudden introductions to men pre-eminent in the medical world and in the recent world's war gave the meeting at Atlantic City much of the charm of a commencement day reunion. The exhibits were very well arranged and well attended. The medical part was smaller than the commercial, but both were interesting because of the graphic presentations and the instructive attentions given by the personal attendants. It was a little unfortunate that the unique and really wonderful exhibit of the Public Health Service was not more centrally placed. The business part of the meeting passed off with such smoothness, that one could not help but admire the well oiled machine and to recollect that not always does the busy honey bee eat the honey. It is apparent that State organizations and special societies must know in advance what they want and to lay plans carefully to have their desires accomplished. The scientific meetings were held in widely separate parts of the city, making it very hard to visit more than one section on a given day. The programs were too long and began at nine A. M. to continue until finished. The result was that the unfortunate author who came fourth on the program had a small audience, because the largest part of the session was busy discussing affairs over the lunch table. A second common and unfortunate oversight was the lack of efficient lantern slide service. Poor screens for the pictures and hot lamps which destroyed many good slides were of too frequent occurrence. The social side of the meeting was very successful and most enjoyable. The hotels were crowded with noted foreign guests as well as eminent physicians and surgeons from our own country. Uniforms and decorations were plentiful and one was often at a loss on being introduced whether to use the title of general or of doctor to the well-known, simple man-

nered gentleman grasping your hand in fraternal greeting. These are a few of the impressions of the Victory meeting. There is no doubt as to the success of the meeting, and the large attendance from California was matter of frequent favorable comment. Especially as we paid the S. P. full fare each way.

Sincerely,

ALFRED BAKER SPALDING,
Delegate from California State
Medical Society.

San Francisco, July 5, 1919.

FROM DR. V. G. VECKI.

July 7, 1919.

To the Editor:

You ask for a short personal impression of the annual, the victory meeting of the American Medical Association held at Atlantic City June 9th to 13th last. Being in the habit of telling the plain truth whenever asked, without any regard to consequences, I must confess that I was somewhat disappointed.

When going to a meeting that was justly called the victory meeting I expected a great deal of joy and enthusiasm, but there I found the quietest, the most mirthless meeting of the many I ever attended.

After the eagerness to help in the great struggle demonstrated last year at Chicago, after having taken such prominent part in the glorious demonstration that the United States have to fear no one, it seemed as if there was no more ardor left. The opening meeting, the special victory meeting, also the sessions of the house of delegates were characterized by an almost mechanical going through it. There were hardly any social functions to speak of, an absolute absence of the customary sociability, and a general lack of enthusiasm.

As to the reason, I can only guess: are we getting blasé? Did the exorbitant prices in the profiteering atmosphere put a damper upon everything outside of the scientific work of the sections? or was it the sinister shadow of the impending calamity called national prohibition?

Very truly yours,

V. G. VECKI, M. D.,

Delegate to A. M. A. from California State Society of Medicine

San Francisco.

P. S.—Our third delegate was Dr. C. Van Zwalenburg of Riverside, who had just retired as president of the California State Medical Society. Dr. Van Zwalenburg's late return to California has prevented receipt of his personal impressions of the A. M. A. meeting.

THE LAMP OF SCIENCE.

Let History relax her frown
And shed
Instead
A silent tear,
When she relates
The horrid fates
Of Nero, John, or Robespierre.
These men were cruel; they approached
The brink,
I think,
Of horror; but
Their father's sin
Was greater in
Not having had their tonsils cut.
It will be found the snores of each
At night,
When quite
A lad, annoyed.
What chance had they,
The better way
Denied them by an adenoid?